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2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Bangor on 12-30-8.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

-Claim 20, line 6,

--- , wherein each of said plurality of controllers periodically receives coordinates of the geographic position of its respective locomotive from its respective GPS receiver--- had been inserted after the word "controller".

-Claim 26, line 1,

"25" had been replaced with ---20---

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHUONGCHAU BA NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-3148. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m..

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